

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL  
Monday, November 4, 2019  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES

Board Members Present: Rachel DeGroat  
Erwin Morris  
Tara Sears  
Tom Ordway  
Jake Sauer-Jones  
Mike Sharp  
Sarah Williams

Board Members Absent: N/A

**Call to Order:** Rachel DeGroat opened the meeting at 7:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Tara Sears, abstained by Mike Sharp and carried.

Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to accept the CSE/CPSE/504 report, seconded by Tara Sears and carried.

**Agenda Changes:** Motions & Discussions:  
Letter A: **MOTION** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss employment/Personel  
Letter E: **MOTION** to appoint Bruce McGinn and Gene Maiorano as Volunteer Coaches for the Basketball Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motions & Discussion:** Tom Ordway made a **MOTION** to adjourn to executive session, to discuss employment/Personel at 7:07, seconded by Jake Sauer-Jones and carried.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to return to Regular session at 7:24, seconded by Mike Sharp and carries.

Scott Preusser from Raymond Preusser CPA.PC. gave a summary of our 2018- 2019 School Audit Report. He provided handouts, explained the report, answered questions and made recommendations for the future.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to accept the resignation of Mike Turano effective October 25, 2019, seconded by Tom Ordway with discussion and carried.

Mike Markwica approached the Board to consider having the new bus driver that is going to be hired gain 2 hours each day by working as a cleaner. Larry Ringer will provide the actual dollar amount.

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to appoint Bruce McGinn and Gene Maiorano as Volunteer Coaches for the Basketball Program for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Tom Ordway with discussion and carried.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**School Climate Committee:** Jake Sauer- Jones reported that the School Climate Committee met and he highlighted some of the key elements of the meeting.

- Potential hiring of a SRO
  - Committee will create a survey for Teachers, Staff, and parents.
  - Mike Markwica will talk to Essex County Sheriff's office to see about the cost of sharing resources with Minerva Central School.
- Active Shooting Drill/Stop the Bleed in March
- Security Camera System aging
- Mental Health Team was formed and the first meeting will be scheduled for December.

**Wellness Committee:** Sarah Williams spoke of the first meeting of the Wellness Committee.

- Discussed the upcoming NYS inspection of our Food Service Program.
- Farm to Table is demographically hard for us but still a possibility.

- Reinstating “Senior Day” in the cafeteria
- School garden.

**Finance Committee:** Tara Sears reported that the Finance Committee met with Judy Cook, our internal claims auditor, and started discussions on the Johnsbury Central School Teacher Association contract.

#### **Update Reports:**

**County Tax increase:** Mike Markwica reported that after meeting with Johnsbury’s Town Supervisor, Andrea Hogan, he was notified of the 1% tax increase to the county’s sale tax is being considered and what, if anything that it may do for the school.

**Ryan’s Story:** Heather Flanagan spoke of the presentation on bullying that was offered to students in grades 6-12. It was an excellent program that we shared with Minerva.

**Lock Down/Relocation/Early Dismissal:** Heather Flanagan provide handouts for the drill scheduled on November 8th.

#### **Other Business:**

Tom Ordway spoke of the possibility of the Board to consider hiring and reestablishing: Shop, Home Economics, and Driver’s Education.

Rachel DeGroat will bring the discussion to committee

Erwin Morris asked about the Cell Phone policy. Rachel stated that it is still in committee.

Mike Sharp wanted to thank Larry Ringer for his smart investment ideas for the school’s revenues. The Board agreed.

Rachel DeGroat notified the Board that the Administration Plan will be reviewed by the finance committee.

#### **Visitor’s Comments:**

Erika Patton with guests, brought a detailed handout to ask the Board to consider creating a Trap Club at Johnsbury Central School for the spring. The Board will review the material and have further questions for Ms. Patton at the November 18, 2019 meeting. Ms. Patton will send Cindy Homer a video to share with the Board members.

Mike Markwica will speak to other Superintendents who have a

Trap Club in their school.

**Adjournment:**

Tara Sears made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:44, seconded by Erwin Morris and carried.

District Clerk: Cindy Homer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_